
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 15

Amsterdam, May 8th, 2014

Present: Anna Holm Heide, Helio Campos, Heleen Ruhe, Ascha Prins, Henriette Hoogervorst, Chloe Berger, Lia Sinnige, Judith Kadee, Esther Baar, Carlijn Straathof, Eoin Grua, Thirze Hermans, Renata Ensor, Tessa Holzman, Sascha Vonk, Isabel Sheridan, Jesse Vullingsh, Paco Mens, Thomas Hakman, Bram Jaarsma, Joep Bouma, Maeva Dolle, Job Zegers, Yaron Zonneveld, Sabina van Rooij, Paul van Baal, Lidewij Nauta, Ivana Neamtu, Aqsa Hussain, Julia Alting, Jan Willem Bruggeman, Luuk Kirkels, Alwin Welling, Tim Alpherts, Benjamin Nolan, Luuk van der Sterren, Tamar Bot, Lisa Cukuranovic, Marjolein Coppes, Adel Shochat, Maxime Garcia Diaz, Francesca Brennan, Marley Hasselbach, Michael Vermeer, Nicholas Handfield-Jones, Florentine Oberman, Maarten de Zeeuw, Thao Minh Lam, Cristina Roca, Marieke Bigg, Lisa van Dord, Sophie de Pater, Giulia Tecla, Magali de Rooy, Joosje Kist, Tanushree Kaushal, Amelie Li Yim, Camiel Wijffels, Joris Alberdingk Thijm

Proxies:

Aleksandra Arsova, Jan-Paul Wiringa, Stephan Falcao Ferreira, Linde de Nie, Rebecca Franco, Marley Hasselback, Nimue Smit, Anne Klein, Luuk van der Sterren, John Paton, Djoni de Vos, Charlotte Nijhuis, Viktorija Stojcheva, Nina Mileva, Iris ten Teije, Hermijntje Drenth, Kasper Nicholas, Janneke De Jong, Sammy Heutz, Sophie Rose, Leande Grezel, Nina de Boer, Loes Crielaard, Nienke Willemsen, Emily Jones, Cristina Roca, Whitney Mok, Olivia Carniel, and Victor van Dooren.

Opening of the 16th General Assembly

Heleen welcomes everyone to the 15th General Assembly (GA) of the AUCSA.

Sequential ordering of the agenda

Heleen explains the agenda of the GA and asks if anyone would like to vote on the agenda of the 15th GA. No one wants to vote on the agenda, and the agenda is automatically accepted.

Audit Report

Joep explains what the audit committee has done this year. What they liked most was that a new software was used, so it is more efficient and more up to date. Joep explains that it is clear and visible. Dico explains that in the audit report they have found that the AUCSA is underspending. The audit committee therefore proposes to overbudget at the beginning of the year, just as an airline does. The second solution is to propose that students can hand in proposals at the first GA of the year. For in and around the academic building. This extra money can be used on items that are useful for all committees, as an AUC van. The last solution is that there should be more frequent meetings between the treasurer and the AUC committee treasurers. The last point is that there should be more audits. The new audit committee members should be conducting more audits and a better transition. Dico asks if there are any questions. Heleen asks whether anyone would like to vote on the report, no one want to vote, and the report is accepted.

Honorary member Heleen

Dico and Florentine explain that more than ten percent of the members have sent a request to Florentine to ask for Heleen to become an Honorary Member of the AUCSA. Since this was reached, Heleen Ruhe will be an Honorary Member of the AUCSA starting in the 2014-2015 academic year.

New Audit Committee

Heleen proposes, as the AUCSA Board had decided, that the new audit Committee for the AUCSA Board year of 2014-2015 will be Ivana Neamtu, Dario Jongerius & Helio Campos. Heleen asks if there are any questions. Q01: (Dico) How can Helio be a part of the Audit committee when he's not an AUC student? Heleen answers that in the statutes it does not say that the audit committee member needs to be a member. Heleen asks if anyone would like to vote on the audit committee. No one does, so the new audit committee has been decided on and will be: Ivana Neamtu, Dario Jongerius & Helio Campos.

Policy manual change Article 5.1 change

Heleen explains that the AUCSA Board would like to change Article 5.1 of the policy manual from Art. 5.1 being:

The Advisory Council is appointed for a period of one year by the former AUCSA Board during the transition period and should consist of three people, made up from two people from the former AUCSA Board and one member of the AUCSA who has not been in the AUCSA Board.

To:

*The Advisory Council is appointed for a period of one year by the former AUCSA Board during the transition period and should consist of **at least three, maximum four** people, made up from **at least** two people from the former AUCSA Board and **at least** one member of the AUCSA who has not been in the AUCSA Board.*

Heleen then asks if there are any questions about this change.

Q02: (Dario) Why do you think 4 is better than 3 people? A2: Heleen answers that for the advisory council has to advise the future board. Since 4 people have different ideas and opinions there would be more people able to advise. Q03: (Dario) Is it not more difficult to come to a conclusion when 4 rather than 3? A3: Heleen answers Advisory council does not make decisions, but gives advice so it's not a problem that there is an even number. Q04: (Chloe) Would they have to be AUC students? A4: Heleen answers that the board proposes that there would be 2 AUCSA members. Q05: (Dico) With 3 AUCSA ex members, would they not overrule the randomly chosen people? Also, is it not a bad idea to have an even number of people? A5: Heleen answers that as no real decisions are taken, this would not be a problem. Q06: (Sofia) If most of the people in the AUCSA are third years, how can they still be in the council when they have graduated? A6: Heleen answers that there are 3 second years in the board. This year the policy manual has changed that the advisory council should consist of three people, not AUCSA members, so alumni could also be in the advisory council.

Heleen asks if there are any more questions.

Q07: (Jao) What is the point of increasing the number from 3 to 4? A7: Heleen explains that the AUCSA wants more people to be able to take time for the advisory council. Q08: (Sofia) If most of the people are AUCSA ex members, would it not be inside opinions rather than external opinions (advices)? A8: Heleen explains that the current chair has outside opinion as the opinion of the current chair will be different than last year's chair.

Heleen asks if anyone would like to vote on this. No one would like to vote on this proposal. The proposal is accepted and thus the policy manual change is accepted.

Q09: (Esther) How does it work if they're abroad? A9: Heleen explains that the advisory council will give advice twice a year. Camiel adds that the advisory council will be able to email. Q10: (Lisa) Three members are former AUCSA members and one member is in the student council, did you think about anyone else who were more independent? A10: Heleen explains that the AUCSA did think of other students but that Maeva knows a lot.

Heleen asks if Lisa wants to propose a motion. She does not so Heleen asks if there is anyone who wants to vote on the proposed advisory council. No one wants to vote so Heleen announces that the proposed advisory council has been accepted.

Elections

Heleen then goes on to the next part of the General Assembly, which is the elections, what

everyone has been waiting for. Heleen explains that the candidates will now give their personal statements.

Personal Statements

Heleen welcomes Sanna McGregor, candidate for Chair, to the stage. Sanna then gives her personal statement. Q11: (JP) Do you have any example of improvements you want to have done? A11: Sanna says that getting more members involved and to the GA is important. The number of members at this GA is great but this needs to be kept up. Equality between the committees, as she thinks that some committees deserve more attention. Open do ideas from students and get more feedback sessions and find the time for more office hours. Q12: (Hatty) In what ways do you want to unify the AUC-community? A12: Sanna answers that the community at AUC has a lot of differences so making sure that members with different interests Three groups: Who get absorbed in the committees. Group 2 who ignore AUCSA. Group 3 is who is in the middle. So I would like to unify by making people more aware and having more presence. So I would really like to start working as a team to draw everyone back to AUC.

Heleen thanks Sanna and welcomes Lia Sinnige, candidate for Chair, to the stage.

Lia comes to the stage and does her personal statement.

Heleen asks if there are any questions for Lia.

Q13: (Olivia) Career committee – how would you be involved in this as a chair of the AUCSA board? A13: Lia answers that she thinks that students will find this a very attractive committee, and would try to set it up. Q14: (Rita) What do you want to do with the low turn up, considering you have been a part of a committee with such a high turn up? A14: Lia answers that Solace also has a problem of turnout. Lia explains that every committee has a hard time with turnout. She agrees that there should be an attempt to increase turnout as at the moment. Q15: (Hatty) What do you think makes you specifically good for chair of AUCSA? A15: Lia answers that passion, organization, approachableness, that she knows many people in her year group, and that AUC chair would accumulate this in an amazing way. Q16: (Jelmer) Do you have any ideas of what you want to do with the under spending of the AUCSA? A16: Lia answers that what is being proposed by the audit committee and would like to leave the rest up to Jan Willem to answer as it is more fitting.

Heleen thanks Lia and welcomes Jesse Vullings, candidate for Chair, to the stage. Heleen thanks Jesse for his statement. Heleen then asks if then asks if anyone has questions.

Q17: (Emma) What do you mean with shaping the foundation? A17: Jesse answers that by trying to find more overlapping areas of the committees. We see that many committees have started to cooperate and that this has been great. But more of these overlaps could be used. For the introduction week more committees should be involved. This will also increase the participation of the committee members.

Heleen asks if there are any more questions. There are none so Heleen thanks Jesse.

Heleen then asks Esther Baar, candidate for Secretary up to the stage. Heleen thanks Esther and asks if there are any questions. Q18: (Carlijn) How would you be approachable? A18: Esther answers that there should be an open door policy for the office hours. She would also like to integrate the committees and the AUCSA Board more during the intraweek activities, to make the AUCSA community more approachable as a whole. Heleen thanks Esther.

The next candidate, Marley Hasselbach, is currently not present as he is on exchange. Heleen starts the election statement video that Marley has made. Heleen then explains that Marley is on Facebook online so Heleen asks if anyone has a question. Q19: (Maria) What would the Asian influence bring to this position? A19: Marley answers: A focus on efficiency through strong internal communication and a greater engagement in committee life by the student body and greater transparency.

Heleen asks if there are any more questions. There are not so Heleen welcomes Adel Shochat, running for Secretary, to the stage. Heleen thanks Adel and asks if anyone has any questions. Q20: (Leila) What are the specific improvements that you want to implement? A20: Adel answers that her main ideas are that there should be more transparency of the Board. Adel thinks that there should be summaries of the meetings so everyone can see what the Board is up to.

Heleen asks if anyone has anymore questions, there are none, so Heleen asks Jan Willem to the stage.

Heleen welcomes Jan Willem Bruggeman, running for Treasurer, to the stage.

Jan Willem does his personal statement. When he finishes his personal statement, Heleen asks if there are any further questions. Q21: (Emma) Could the web shop also include Scriptus? A21: Jan Willem answers that this might be possible but to start with it would be a webshop to transfer money to the AUCSA. Q22: (Emma) Could the web shop transfer money to the AUCSA members? A22: Jan Willem answers that a declaration online would be a great addition to the webshop as well. Q23: (Lisa) Can the request for budgeting be online? So declaration of money through Internet. Q24: (Rita) What is your opinion on purchasing more things to benefit the students of AUC with surplus money? A23 and 24: Jan Willem answers that this is dependent per case. Money that is not used would be a waste to the current members. Heleen then asks if there are any other questions. Q25: (Chloe) What is the currency of Madagascar? A25: Jan Willem answers sugar, which is incorrect. Heleen asks if there are any further questions which there are not.

Heleen then welcomes Lisa van Dord to the stage. Lisa is running for CAO. Lisa then starts her personal statement. When Lisa finishes her personal statement, Heleen asks if there are any questions for Lisa. Q26: (JP) How can you make a good semester plan when you don't know what to do for the rest of the semester? How would you motivate to create a good semester plan? A26: Lisa answers that she would like to force people to really think what they would like to do and when. Committees need a clear outline that should be filled out so the committees have a template to follow which the chair can audit which will then hopefully come through by the end of the semester. Q27: (Iris) How binding will this plan be? What if you come up with a great idea that was not in the plan or want to remove something that was

in the plan? A27: Lisa answers that this plan allows the AUCSA to give feedback beforehand. These will not be set in stone but will help the committees focus from the beginning on. This way the process of simulating events can start at the beginning of the semester. Heleen asks if there are any other questions. There are not so Heleen thanks Lisa.

Heleen then welcomes Eoin to the stage. Eoin Grua, running for CAO, then starts his personal statement. Heleen thanks Eoin for his statement and asks if there are any questions. Q28: (Ivana) What you are describing is a full time job, do you really think you have the time to join the meetings of your committees while being a student? A28: Eoin answers that he believes that he will do his best to do so. He means it from his heart, and he really wants to make it his fulltime job and really be the CAO while he is CAO.

Heleen asks if there are any other questions. There are none so Heleen asks Henriette to the stage. Henriette Hoogervorst, running for CAO, does her personal statement. Heleen asks if there are any questions. There are none so Heleen thanks Henriette.

Heleen then asks Joosje Kist to the stage. Joosje is running for CAO. After her personal statement, Heleen asks if there are any questions. There are none, so Heleen thanks Joosje.

Heleen then asks Willem Pije to the stage. Willem is running for CAO. Willem is then welcomed to the stage and does his personal statement. Heleen asks if there are any questions. There are none so Heleen thanks all the candidates and thanks her Board.

Election committee

Heleen then welcomes the election committee to the stage.

Ascha starts with introducing the election committee and explains what the election committee did. The election committee were Thirze Hermans, Ascha Prins and Luca van Bambost. She then explains that the election committee reviewed all the CVs, the motivation letters and had interviews with 14 wonderful candidates. Ascha then explains that the Election committee proposes the following board: As chair they propose Lia Sinnige, as Secretary Esther Baar, as Treasurer Jan Willem Bruggeman and as Eoin Grua and Lisa van Dord as CAOs.

Voting

Heleen explains the voting ballots and asks everyone to come and pick up a voting ballot. Those with proxies have to hand in their piece of paper to get the correct number of proxy voting ballots.

Heleen asks whether anyone wants to be present when the election committee counts the votes. Two members want to be present and join the election committee.

Honorary member

Heleen asks if everyone wants to sit down. Heleen then asks Florentine to the stage. Florentine explains why the AUCSA Board would like to propose Flora Oudeboom, the Chair of last year, to be an honorary member of the AUCSA. The AUCSA Board would like her to be

honorary member, not only because she was a Chair of the AUCSA Board last night but because she has helped the current board so much throughout the year. Heleen then asks if the GA would like to vote on this. No one disagrees so Flora Oudeboom is now officially an AUCSA Honorary Member. Heleen then welcomes Flora to the stage and Flora thanks the GA and the current AUCSA Board. Since this was accepted, Flora Oudeboom will be an Honorary Member of the AUCSA starting in the 2014-2015 Board year.

Heleen then asks everyone to hold on tight for the elections outcome to be announced.

New Board Results

Ascha comes to the stage to tell the results with a total number of votes of 178.

For the COAs. The CAOs will be Henriette Hoogevorst and Eoin Grua. For Treasurer the winner is Jan Willem. There has been a tie for the Secretaries so there will be another GA for this next Friday during Lunchbreak. The winner for the Chair is Lia Sinnige.

The outcome of the voting is:

Lia Sinnige: 68

Jesse Vullings: 61

Sanna McGregor: 45

Abstaining: 4

Secretary

Adel: 77

Esther: 77

Marley: 23

Abstaining: 1

Treasurer

Jan Willem 159

Abstaining 19

CAO

Henriette: 107

Eoin: 61

Lisa: 57

Willem: 50

Joosje: 44

Abstaining: 37

With a total of 178 votes.

Heleen announces that the General Assembly, the 16th GA, will be held next Friday during lunchbreak. This GA will only be for the present AUCSA members of this GA. Heleen then closes the 15th General Assembly of the AUCSA.